

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 depicts the conversion of mandelonitrile into mandelic acid using *Alcaligenes faecalis* 1605 cells, in a batch, as a function of time.

Fig. 2 depicts the fractionation by SDS-PAGE of active fractions from a molecular sieve chromatography and an ion exchange chromatography on Mono Q.

Fig. 3 depicts the plasmid, called pDHE19.2, resulting from purification of a PCR fragment, digestion with NdeI/BamHI and integration into the analogously digested vector pJOE2702.

Fig. 4 depicts the synthesis of R-mandelic acid by hydrolysis of mandelonitrile using *E. coli* JM109 (pDHE19.2) in suspension, as a function of time.

Fig. 5 depicts a calibration plot constructed with various NH_4OH solutions.

Fig. 6 depicts the activities of various substrates with nitrilase 1650.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION